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Topsoil moisture conditions on crop, hay, and pasture land are generally adequate to surplus across the province, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

Areas with surplus topsoil moisture are primarily located in the east central and north eastern regions, as well as some areas in the west central region. There are localized areas of short topsoil moisture in the southern grainbelt.

Pasture conditions are generally reported as fair to good. Pockets of poor and very poor conditions are mainly reported on the eastern side of the grainbelt and into the northwest, and are mostly due to excess moisture and lack of warm weather. In a number of areas, the weather has not been warm enough for strong grass growth.

Livestock water supplies are generally adequate across the province. Localized regions with inadequate supplies were reported in the southeast and the southwest regions of the province.

While a few individual rural municipalities report up to 20 per cent seeded, many areas have not started seeding due to wet and/or cold field conditions. Less than one-half of one per cent of the 2006 crop has been planted. Peas, durum, and forages are most commonly reported as being seeded so far.

More pre-seeding field work got underway this past week. Farmers are picking rocks, harrowing, fertilizing, applying chemicals, and cleaning grain.

Some combining was done in the west central region. Farmers report problems with wildlife and mould damage.

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1 Year Ago

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop, hay, and pasture land were generally adequate across the province.

Pasture conditions were generally reported as fair to excellent.

One per cent of the 2005 crop had been planted.

Farmers were combining and/or baling the 2004 crop.

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3as-east)

The southeast received rain and snow during the past week. An average of 57 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 49 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 1a, to an average high of 66 mm reported in CD 1b. Over 100 mm was reported in the Grenfell area.

Some spring seeding has begun in the Oxbow area. Field work was halted when the snow and rain came. Some farmers have been seeding grass. Reporters say seeding plans are still uncertain for some.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as adequate by 49% of the reporters and as surplus by 47% of reporters. On hay and pasture land, 69% of reporters say they have adequate moisture and 22% have surplus moisture.

Pasture conditions in the southeast are rated as good to excellent by 56% of reporters and 29% rate conditions as fair. Cattle have been moved out to pasture in some areas because corrals were getting too muddy.

Eighty-nine per cent of south eastern reporters rate livestock water supplies as adequate. Supplies are inadequate in CD 3ase where sloughs and dugouts are low and some are dry because of minimal spring run-off.

Heavy gopher populations were reported in CD 1b. Fields are showing early weed pressure with the warm daytime temperatures.

Spring field work is underway – fertilizer and chemical application, rock picking, readying machinery, fixing fence, and tillage. A shortage of pea inoculants was reported in CD 1b, attributed to farmers waiting until the last minute to buy them.

South western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3as-west, 3an, 3b, & 4)

Last week, some areas of the southwest received rain and snow. An average of 21 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 1 mm reported in CD 4b, to an average high of 41 mm reported in CD 3asw.

Spring seeding is underway in a number of areas in the southwest with a total of 2% seeded in the region. Up to 20% has been seeded in the Consul area, and some farmers in the area are done seeding. As well, early seeded spring crops are emerging. Crops that reporters mentioned as being seeded are peas, durum, and canola. Grass is being seeded in some areas.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as adequate by 84% of the reporters and as poor by 12%. Eighty-two per cent of reporters rate hay and pasture topsoil as having adequate moisture conditions, with the remaining reporters giving poor or very poor ratings.

Pasture conditions in the southwest are rated as good to excellent by 72% of reporters, and as fair by 25% of reporters. Some cattlemen are moving their stock out to pastures.

Ninety-eight per cent of south western reporters rate livestock water supplies as adequate. Inadequate supplies are reported in the McCord area.

An abundance of gophers was reported in CDs 3asw and 3bs. The

warm weather brought on an early flush of weeds.

Farmers continue with spring work, including rock picking, chemical and fertilizer application, cleaning seed, spraying, and tillage. Fall seeded crops are emerging nicely.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

This past week saw more moisture come to the east central region, in the form of both rain and snow. An average of 39 mm of precipitation was recorded, ranging from an average low of 27 mm reported in CD 6a to an average high of 57 mm reported in CD 5a.

Limited spring seeding has begun in the Stockholm area. Warm, drying weather is needed to allow farmers to move onto the fields. Some farmers are still unsure about their seeding intentions.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are reported as 78% surplus and the balance as adequate. On hay and pasture land, 54% of reporters say they have surplus moisture while the rest report adequate topsoil moisture.

Pasture conditions in the east central area are rated as good to excellent by 60% of reporters, 23% rate conditions as fair and the balance rate them as poor to very poor. Some pastures have not had enough warm weather for good grass growth.

All east central reporters rate livestock water supplies as adequate.

Fall crops look good, but there are some drowned patches. Weeds are starting to grow.

Some of the harvest left out from last fall has been destroyed by waterfowl.

Farmers are cleaning grain, pumping sloughs, and preparing machinery.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

Many areas in the west central region were cool at the beginning of the week, but turned warm by mid-week and then cold at the end of the week. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported, with all three crop districts averaging around that amount.

Spring seeding has not started yet.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land were reported as 58% adequate and the rest as surplus. On hay and pasture land, 76% of reporters rated topsoil moisture as adequate, and the rest rated moisture as surplus.

Pasture conditions in the west central area are rated as good to excellent by 85% of reporters with the rest rating conditions as fair.

All west central reporters rate livestock water supplies as adequate.

There was some combining of 2005 crop in CDs 6b and 7b.

Winter annual weeds are flourishing.

Spring field work is underway – fertilizer and chemical application, rock picking, cleaning grain, readying machinery, pumping water out of fields, and tillage.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9a-east)

This past week brought mild weather to much of the northeast, though some areas received more precipitation. An average of 10 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of trace amounts in CD 9ae, to an average high of 13 mm in CD 8a.

There was no seeding activity reported.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land were rated as surplus by 77% of reporters and as adequate by the remaining. Conditions on hay and pasture land were rated as surplus by 64% of reporters. Damage from water erosion becomes more evident every day. The RM of Porcupine Plain remains in a state of emergency, and our reporter estimates that up to 40% of the acres will not be seeded in the RM due to poor seed bed condition.

Pasture conditions in the northeast are rated as good to excellent by 70% of reporters, while 25% rate conditions as poor to very poor. Warm weather is needed to dry up flooded pastures and bring on growth.

All north eastern reporters rate livestock water supplies as adequate.

Weeds are beginning to make their appearance.

Farmers are soil testing, cleaning seed, and getting machinery ready.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9a-west & 9b)

Most of the past week was warm with wind in the northwest. There were some scattered showers making for an average of 1 mm of precipitation for the region.

No spring seeding was reported in the northwest.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land were rated as 79% adequate and the balance as surplus. On hay and pasture land, 89% of reporters say they have adequate moisture.

Pasture conditions in the northwest are rated as good by 57% of reporters and as fair by 29%. Pastures are not growing very actively yet.

Livestock water supplies are reported as adequate by all reporters.

Winter annual weeds are growing well. Combines are getting stuck trying to take off 2005 harvest. There was wildlife and mould damage to swaths left over winter.

Farmers are soil sampling, poisoning gophers, preparing equipment, and fixing fence. Cattle are being moved from wintering areas.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending April 22, 2006

Crop Dist.	Municipality No.	Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	52	61
	3 B	Enniskillen	55	59
	32	Reciprocity	40	40
	33 A	Moose Creek	41	42
	33 B	Moose Creek	45	45
	34	Browning	69	79
	63 A	Moose Mountain	1	1
	63 B	Moose Mountain	47	47
	64	Brock	73	75
	65	Tecumseh	63	67
1B	92	Walpole	32	39
	93	Wawken	61	65
	93 B	Wawken	55	63
	95	Golden West	91	93
	121	Moosomin	62	72
	122	Martin	62	72
	123	Silverwood	56	68
	124	Kingsley	56	63
	125	Chester	82	90
	151 B	Rocanville	79	95
	153	Willowdale	62	66
	154	Elcapo	50	56
	155	Wolseley	109	116
2A	36	Cymri	58	72
	66	Griffin	58	64
	67	Weyburn	63	78
	68	Brokenshell	54	69
	96	Fillmore	68	77
	97	Wellington	53	64
	99	Caledonia	61	82
2B	127	Francis	65	77
	129	Bratt's Lake	45	57
	131	Baildon	33	55
	156 A	Indian Head	73	86
	156 B	Indian Head	74	89
	157	South Qu'appelle	64	83
	158	Edenwold	61	71
	160	Pense	30	35
	161	Moose Jaw	63	77
	191	Marquis	48	67
3ASE	8	Lake Alma	62	71
	9	Surprise Valley	50	65
	38 A	Laurier	51	73
	38 B	Laurier	39	52
	39 A	The Gap	50	65
	39 B	The Gap	51	60
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	41	51
	12	Poplar Valley	26	35
	40	Bengough	38	49
	42	Willow Bunch	38	49
	43 A	Old Post	21	34
	43 B	Old Post	23	34
	44	Waverley	51	62
	70	Key West	53	67
	71 A	Excel	42	55
	71 B	Excel	48	54
	71 C	Excel	66	86
	73 A	Stonehenge	48	63
	73 B	Stonehenge	38	54
3AN	101 B	Terrell	37	50
	102	Lake Johnston	35	55
	103	Sutton	63	63
	132	Hillsborough	43	57
	134	Shamrock	55	78
	163	Wheatlands	38	59
	164	Chaplin	22	26
	193	Eyebrow	39	50
	194	Enfield	NIL	6
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	12	24
	17 B	Val Marie	21	36
	45	Mankota	47	56
	46	Glen Mcpherson	25	40
	75 A	Pinto Creek	35	50
	75 B	Pinto Creek	38	55
	76 A	Auvergne	19	25
	76 B	Auvergne	20	33
	77	Wise Creek	2	19
	78 A	Grassy Creek	10	14
	78 B	Grassy Creek	5	15
	78 C	Grassy Creek	7	17
	105	Glenbain	43	63
	106	Whiska Creek	15	25
	107	Lac Pelletier	5	7
	108	Bone Creek	3	19
3BN	135	Lawtonia	28	45
	136	Coulee	8	26
	138	Webb	5	11
	166	Excelsior	NIL	9
	167	Sask. Landing	1	25
	225	Canaan	4	10
	226	Victory	4	8
	228 A	Lacadena	1	17
	228 B	Lacadena	TR	26
	257	Monet	1	14
4A	19	Frontier	20	32
	49 B	White Valley	NIL	6
	51	Reno	3	13
	79	Arlington	NIL	2
	109	Carmichael	2	8
	110	Piapot	NIL	2
	111 A	Maple Creek	4	8
	111 B	Maple Creek	2	5
4B	139	Gull Lake	1	10
	141	Big Stick	3	7
	142	Enterprise	2	13
	169	Pittville	TR	2
	232	Deer Forks	1	12
5A	152	Spy Hill	71	78
	183	Fertile Belt	80	83
	184 A	Grayson	42	43
	185	Mcleod	76	84
	186	Abernethy	68	81
	187	North Qu'appelle	62	74
	211	Churchbridge	30	43
	213	Saltcoats	46	52
	216	Tullymet	60	77
	217 B	Lipton	61	61
	241	Calder	40	49
	243	Wallace	41	41
	245 A	Garry	61	77
	245 B	Garry	70	79
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	49	64
	247	Kellross	71	82
	248	Touchwood	33	43
5B	271	Cote	45	59
	273	Sliding Hills	22	39
	275	Insinger	3	3
	275 B	Insinger	49	67
	276	Foam Lake	52	62
	277	Emerald	45	62
	304	Buchanan	43	55
	307	Elfros	52	74
	333	Clayton	29	42
	335	Hazel Dell	52	67
	336	Sasman	43	59
	337	Lakeview	33	46
	338	Lakeside	26	39
	366 A	Kelvington	23	32
	366 B	Kelvington	25	33
	368	Spalding	25	25
6A	189	Lumsden	28	55
	190 B	Dufferin	36	64
	190 C	Dufferin	25	47
	219 B	Longlaketon	37	54
	219 C	Longlaketon	37	50
	220	Mckillop	36	53
	221	Sarnia	36	53
	222	Craik	38	48
	251	Big Arm	31	39
	252	Arm River	31	38
	279 A	Mount Hope	29	35
	279 B	Mount Hope	34	47
	280	Wreford	29	33
	282	Mccraney	17	17
	309	Prairie Rose	47	57
	312	Morris	17	27
	313	Lost River	1	17
	339 B	Leroy	24	41
	340 A	Wolverine	24	39
	340 B	Wolverine	23	38
	341	Viscount	10	14
	343	Blucher	2	31
6B	254	Loreburn	4	9
	283	Rosedale	3	10
	284	Rudy	1	15
	285	Fertile Valley	1	24
	286	Milden	NIL	7
	316	Harris	2	31
	344	Corman Park	3	10
	345	Vanscoy	1	23
	346	Perdue	2	44
	376 A	Eagle Creek	4	19
	404	Laird	3	6
7A	259	Snipe Lake	0	13
	287	St. Andrews	NIL	14
	292	Milton	3	27
	317 B	Marriott	NIL	28
	317 C	Marriott	1	30
	318 A	Mountain View	NIL	32
	318 B	Mountain View	1	24
	320	Oakdale	3	41
	321	Prairiedale	5	53
7B	347 A	Biggar	2	14
	347 B	Biggar	NIL	22
	350 A	Mariposa	3	22
	350 B	Mariposa	2	36
	351	Progress	4	30
	352	Heart's Hill	4	30
	377	Glenside	3	5
	378 A	Rosemount	6	22
	378 B	Rosemount	4	11
	379	Reford	1	15
	380 A	Tramping Lake	TR	5
	382	Eye Hill	TR	15
	409	Buffalo	1	10
	410	Round Valley	NIL	5
8A	395	Porcupine	34	35
	397	Barrier Valley	21	32
	398	Pleasantdale	4	12
	428	Star City	11	11
	456	Arborfield	19	24
	457 A	Connaught	14	14
	457 B	Connaught	4	4
	458	Willow Creek	4	6
	486	Moose Range	14	16
	487	Nipawin	8	10
8B	369	St. Peter	23	35
	370	Humboldt	15	18
	371	Bayne	8	11
	373	Aberdeen	1	10
	399	Lake Lenore	11	12
	401	Hoodoo	TR	TR
	402	Fish Creek	4	6
	429 B	Flett's Springs	6	9
	430	Invergordon	2	3
	459	Kinistino	6	6
9AE	461	Prince Albert	TR	6
	520	Paddockwood	NIL	6
9AW	406	Mayfield	3	4
	436	Douglas	1	1
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	493	Shellbrook	NIL	NIL
	494	Canwood	2	3
	496	Spiritwood	NIL	NIL
	555	Big River	TR	TR
9B	438 A	Battle River	1	1
	472	Wilton	1	3
	498 A	Parkdale	NIL	NIL
	498 B	Parkdale	NIL	NIL
	499	Mervin	TR	1
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	TR
	502	Britannia	NIL	3
	561	Loon Lake	NIL	NIL
	588 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	NIL
	588 B	Meadow Lake	NIL	NIL
	588 C	Meadow Lake	TR	TR

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

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Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

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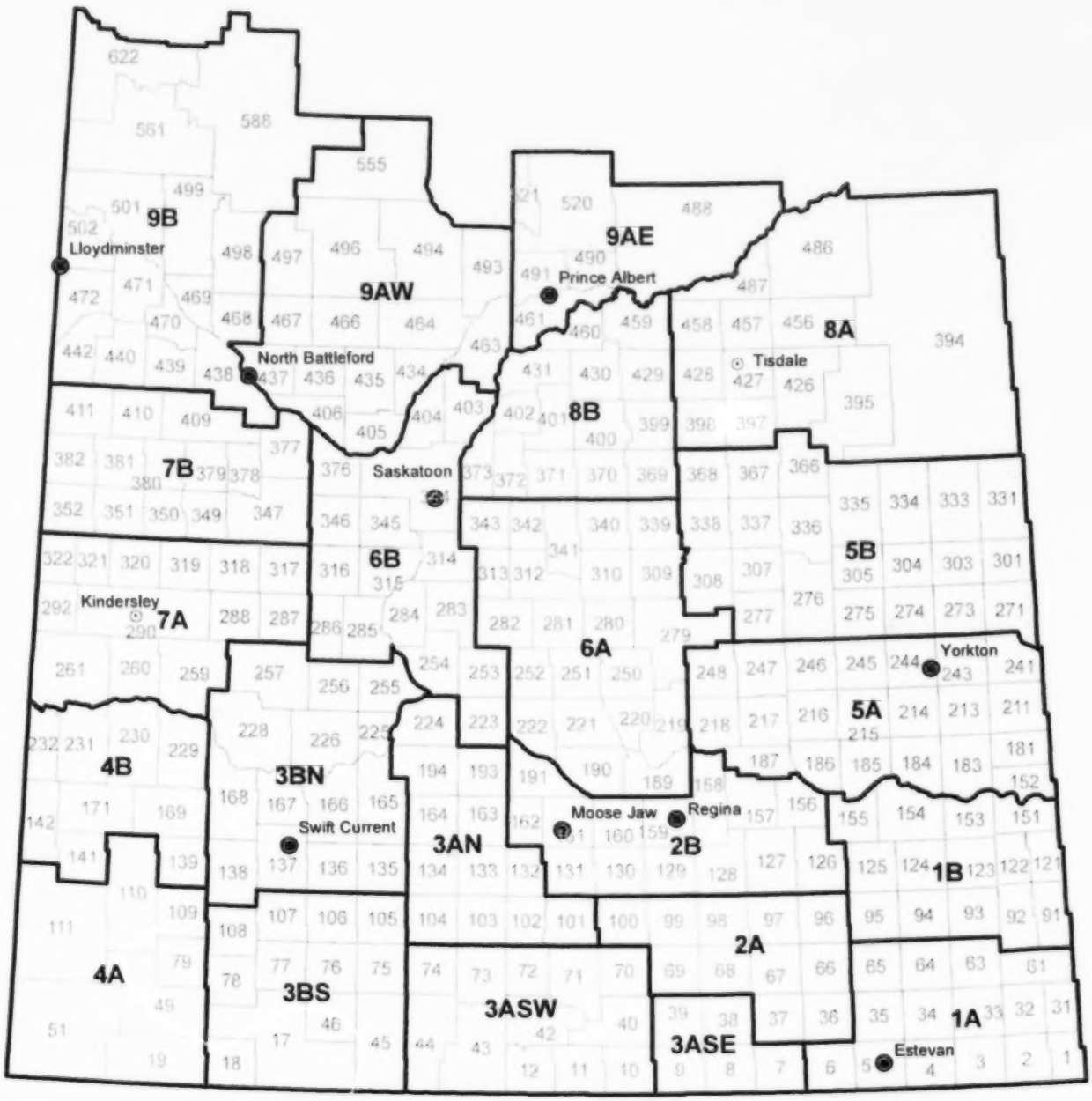
and
Rural Municipalities



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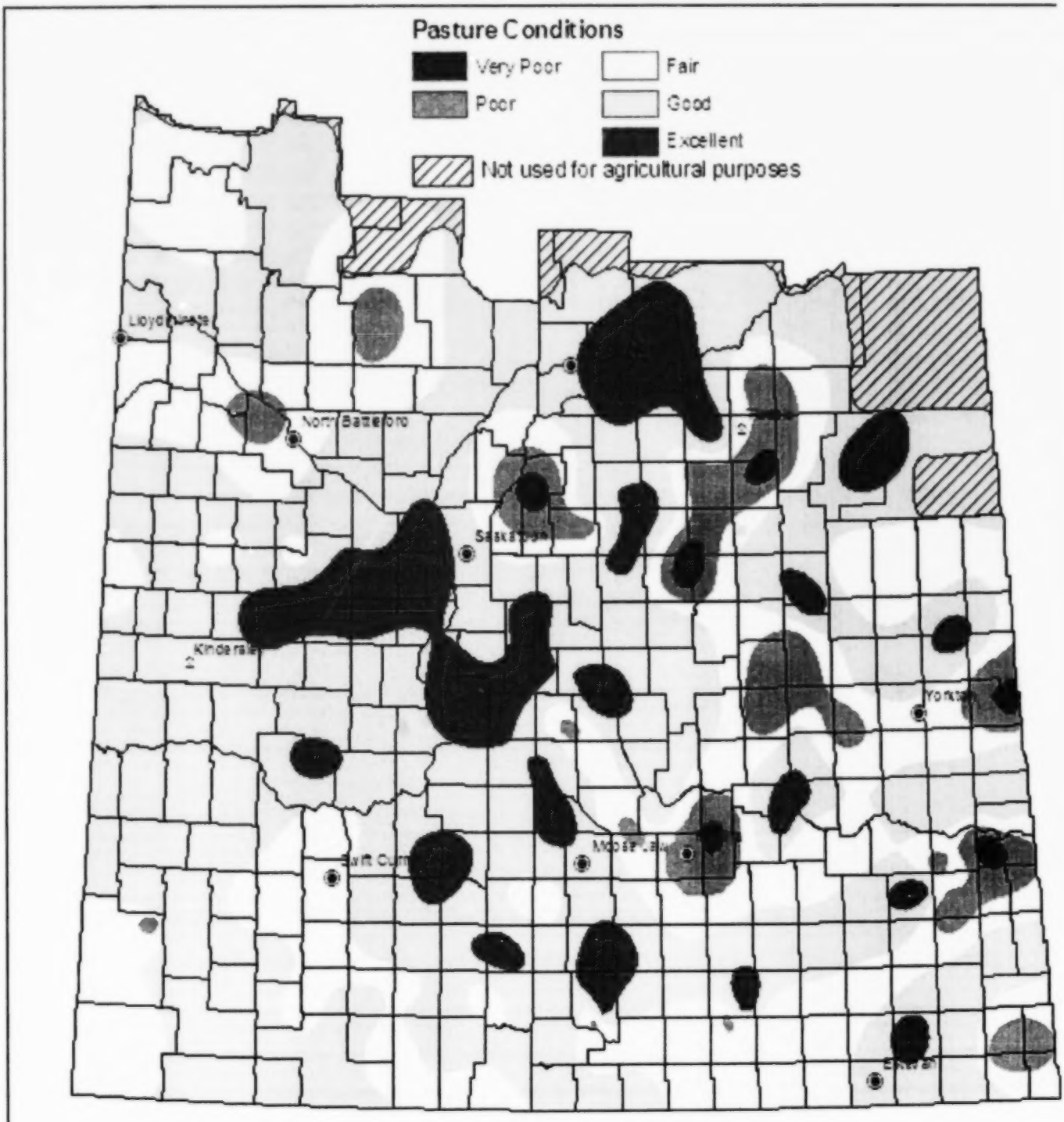

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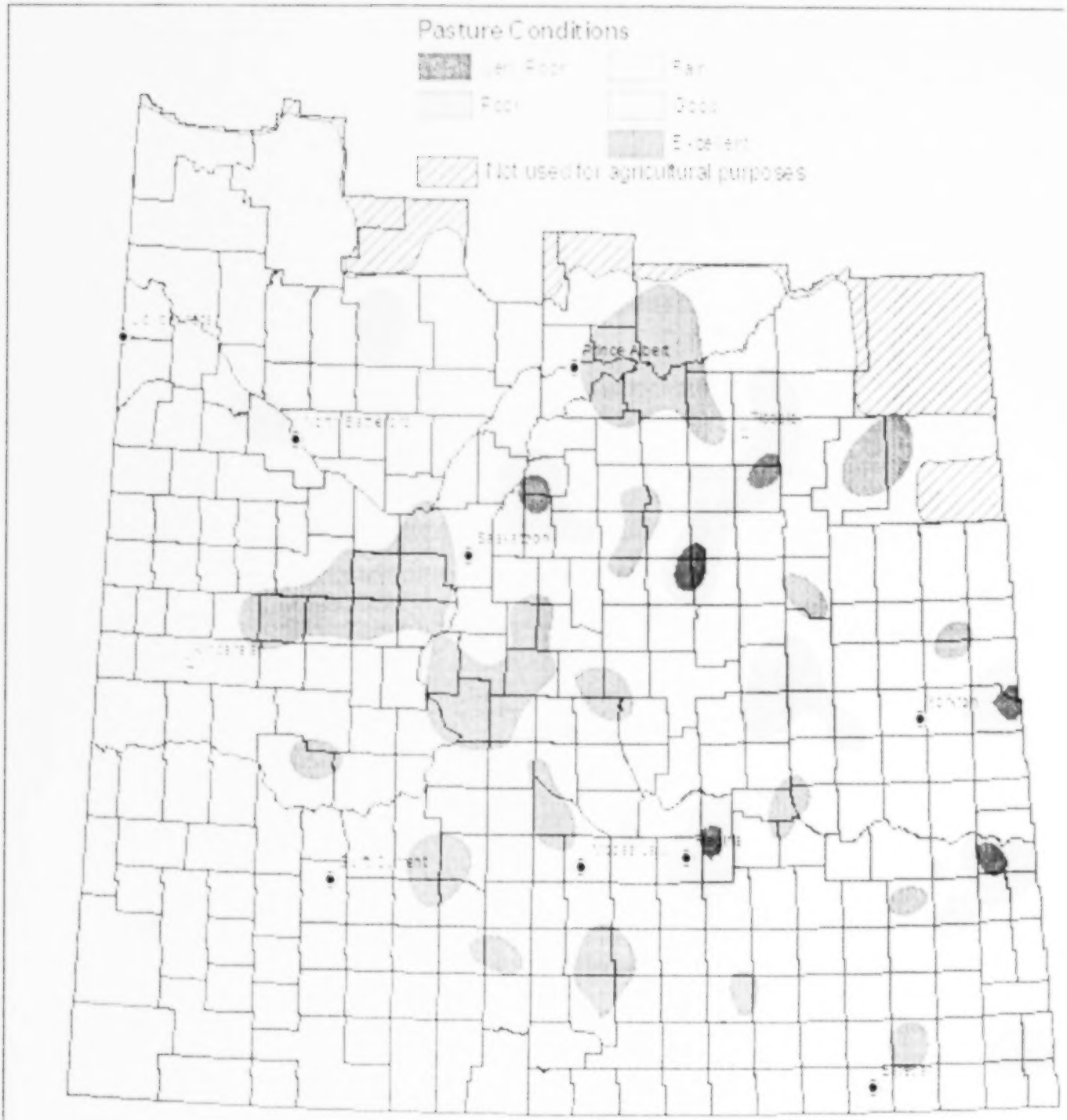

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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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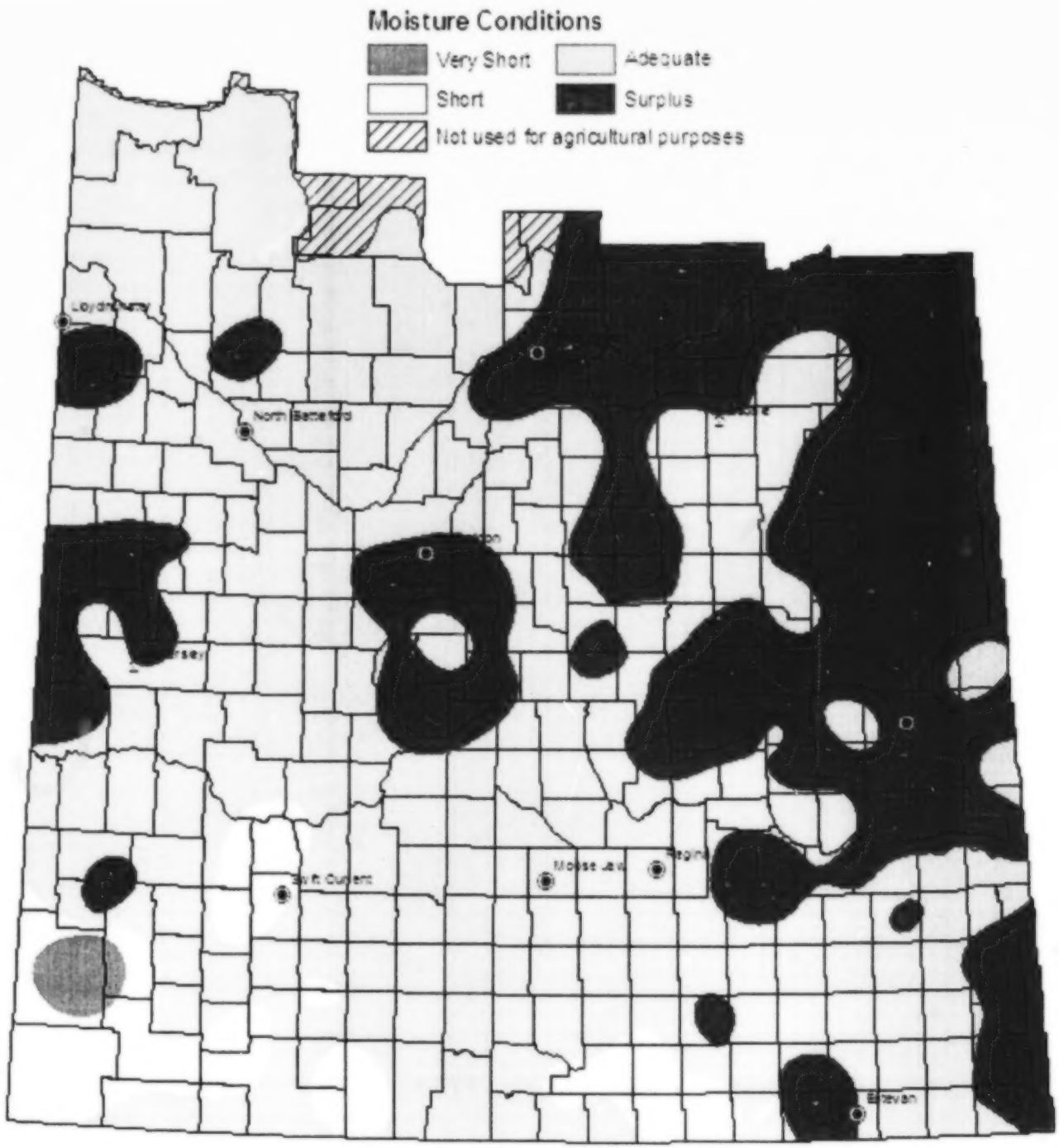

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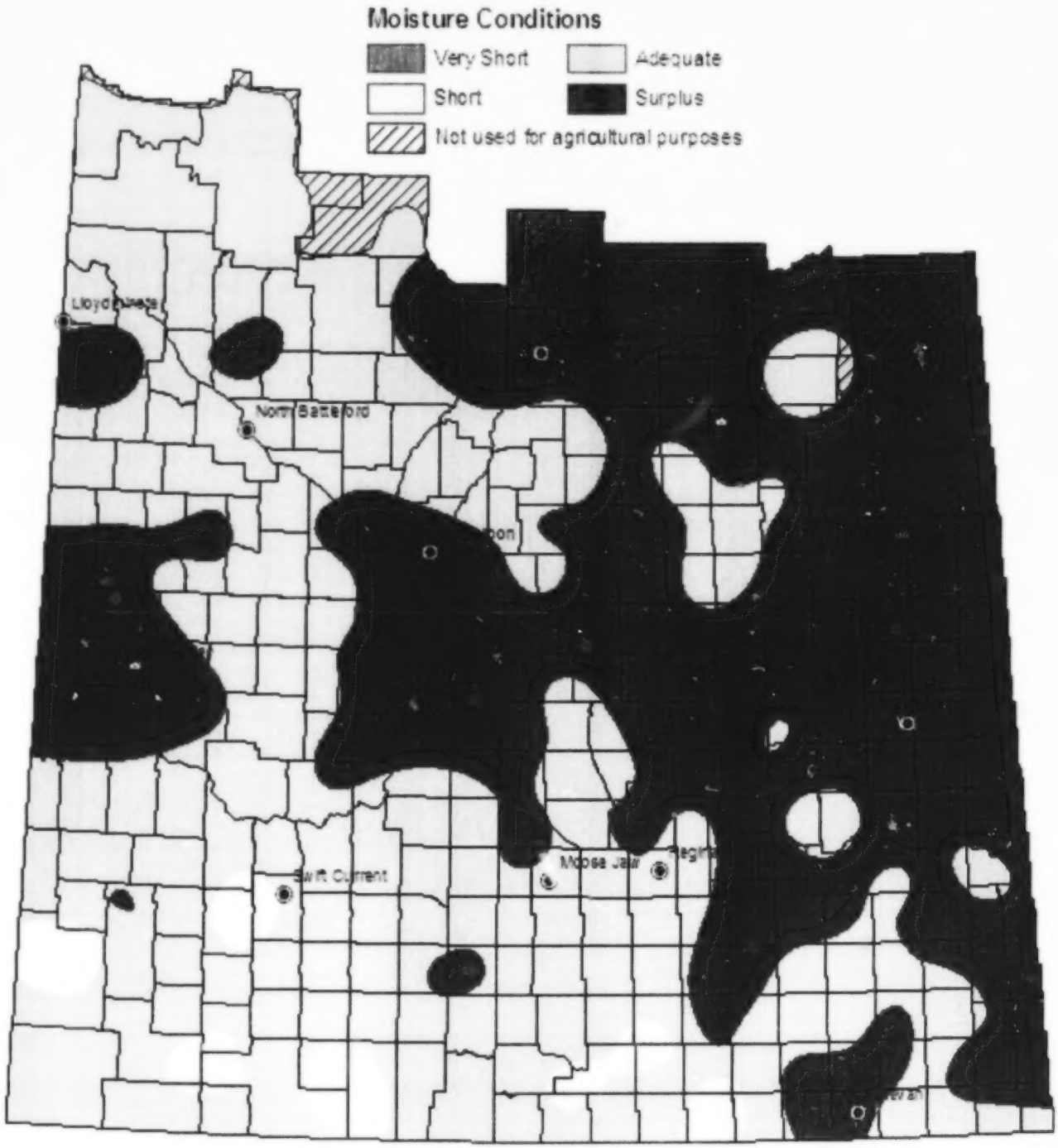

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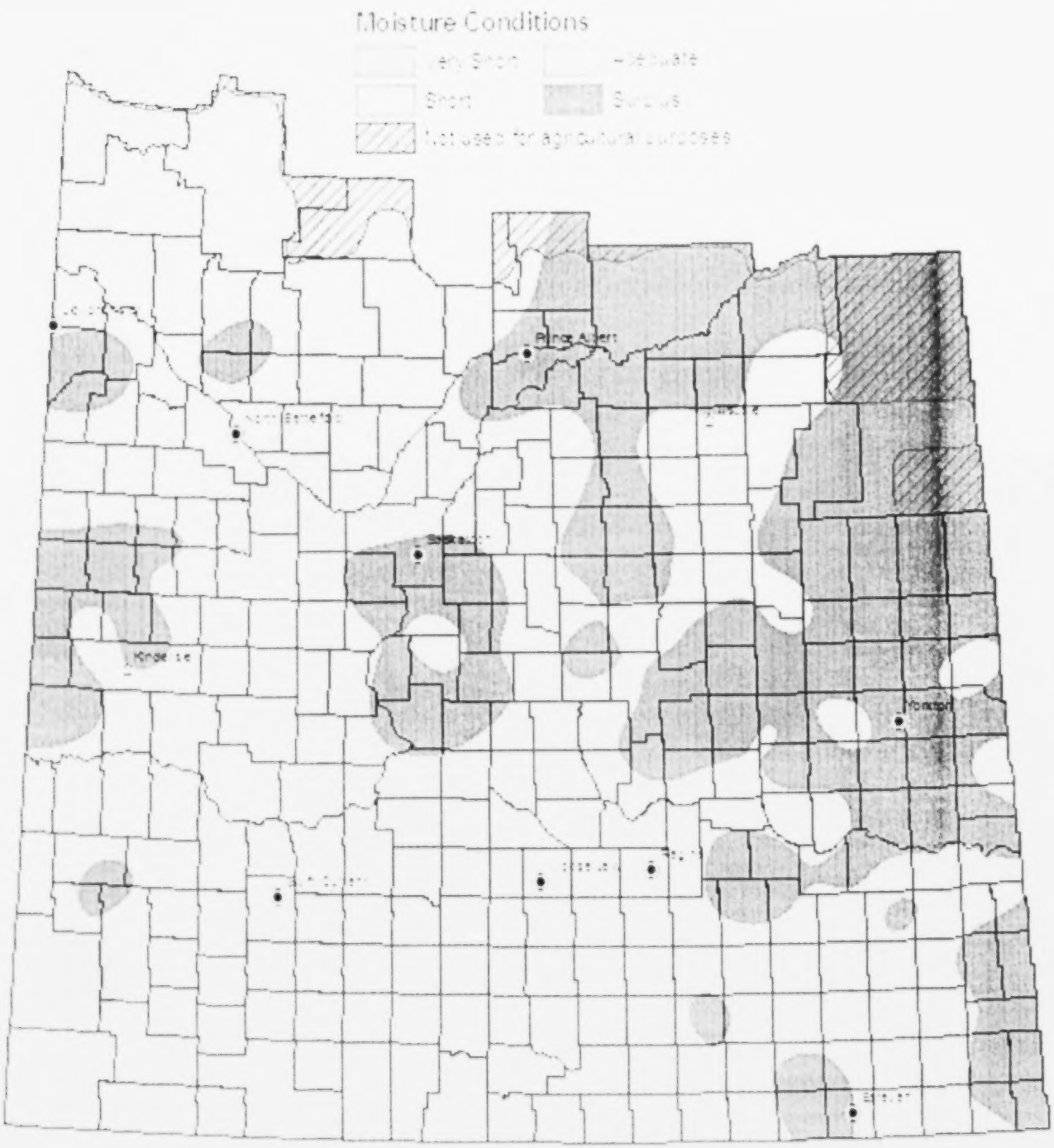

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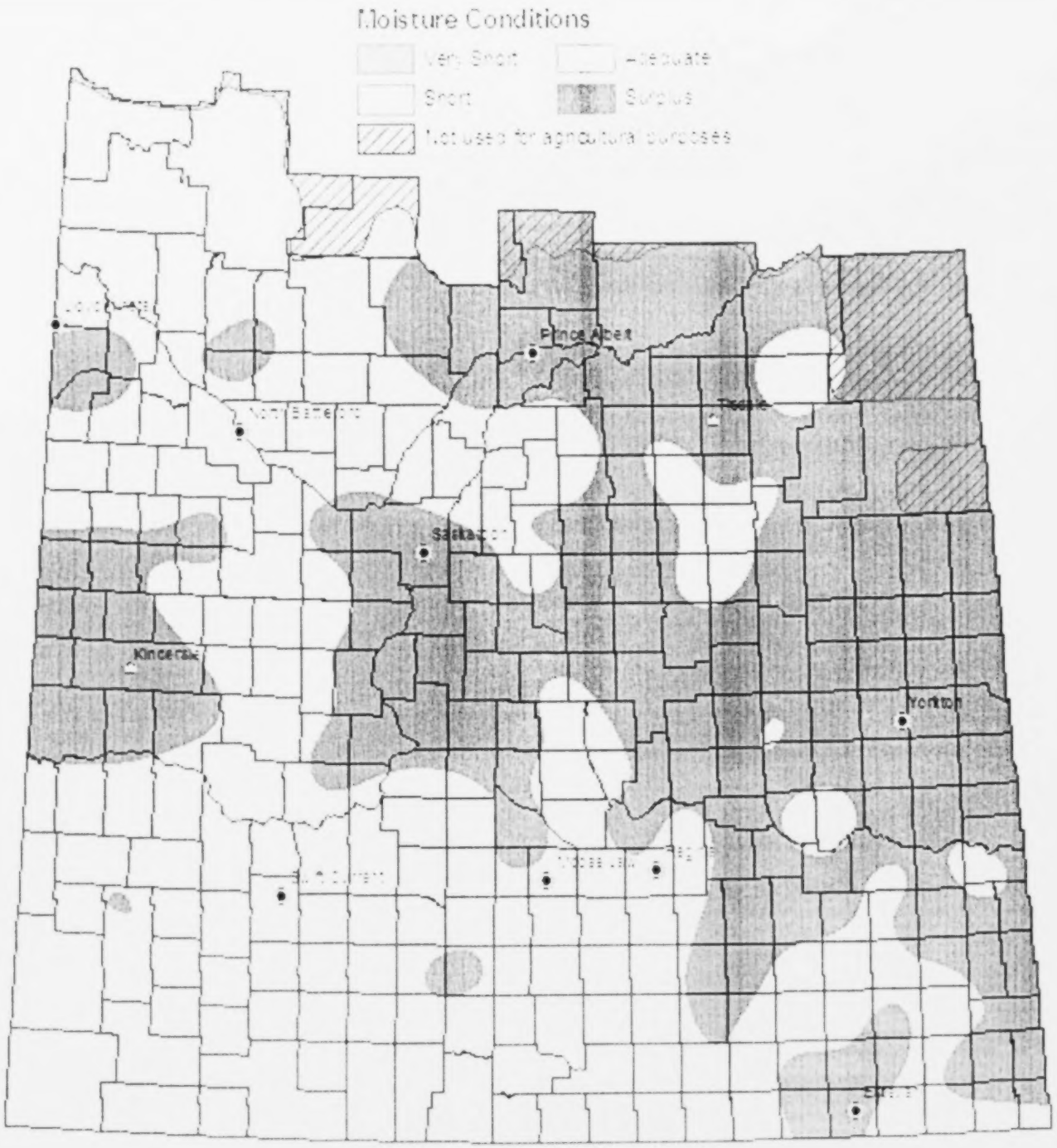

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Cumulative Rainfall

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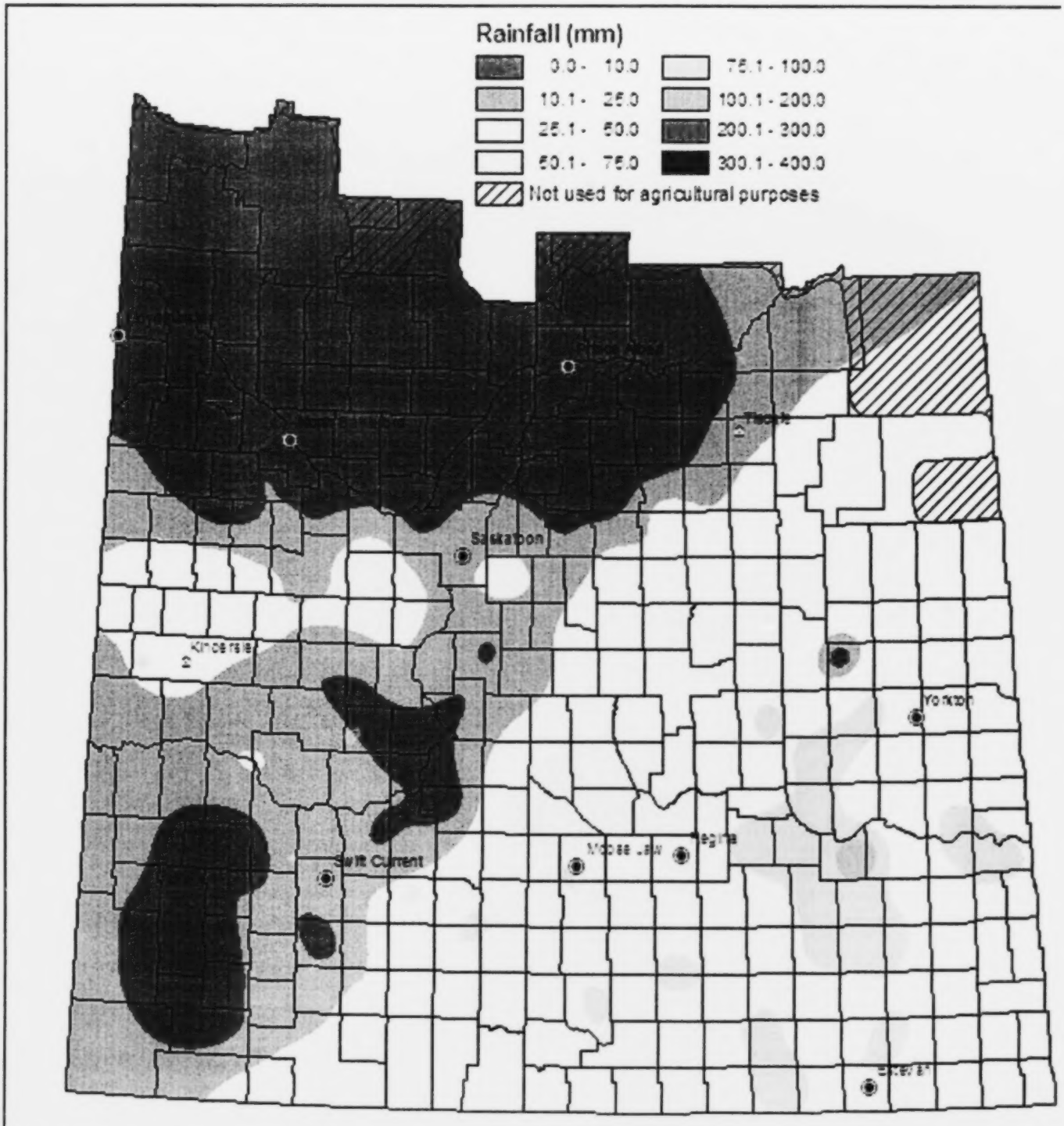

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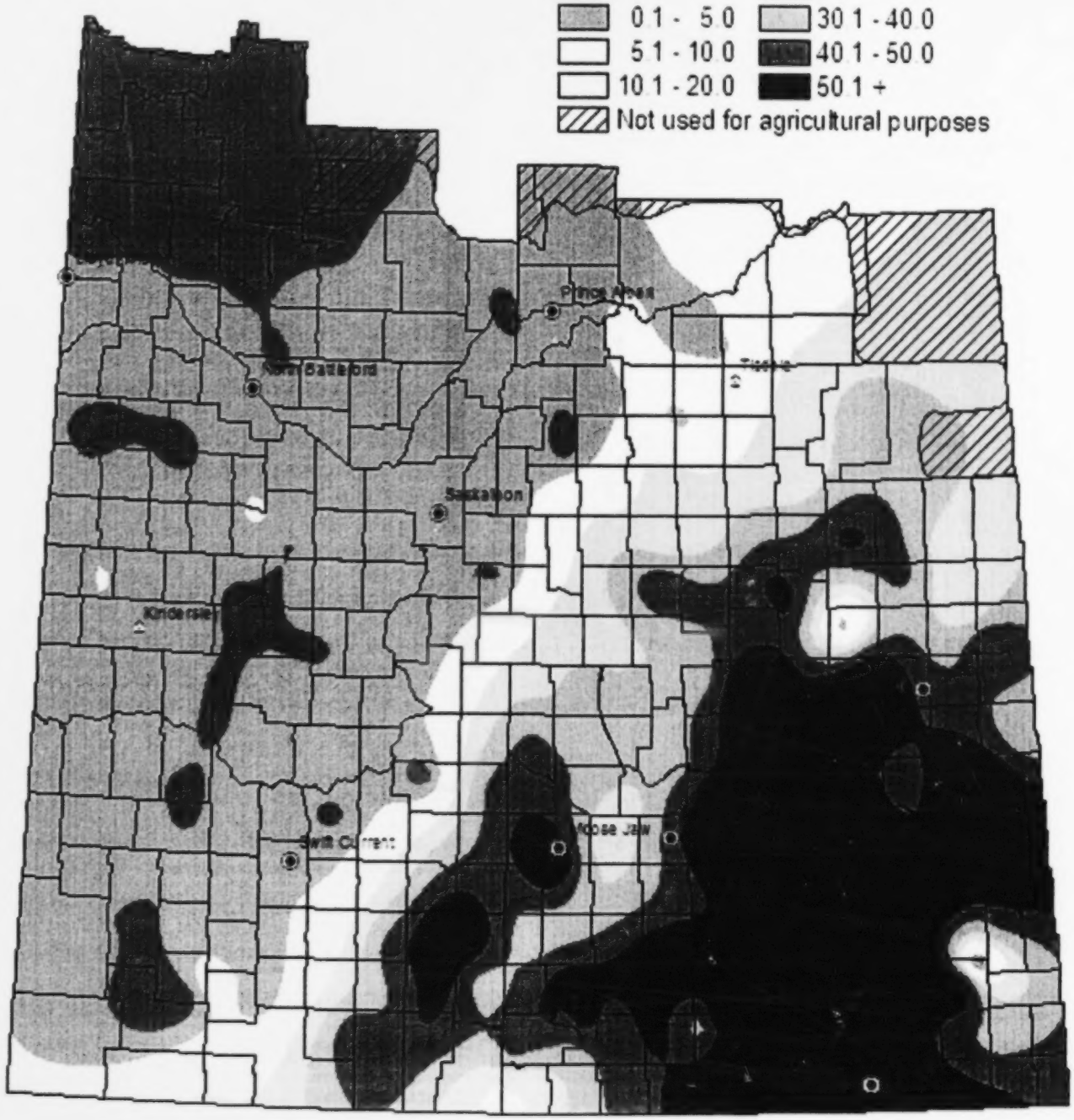

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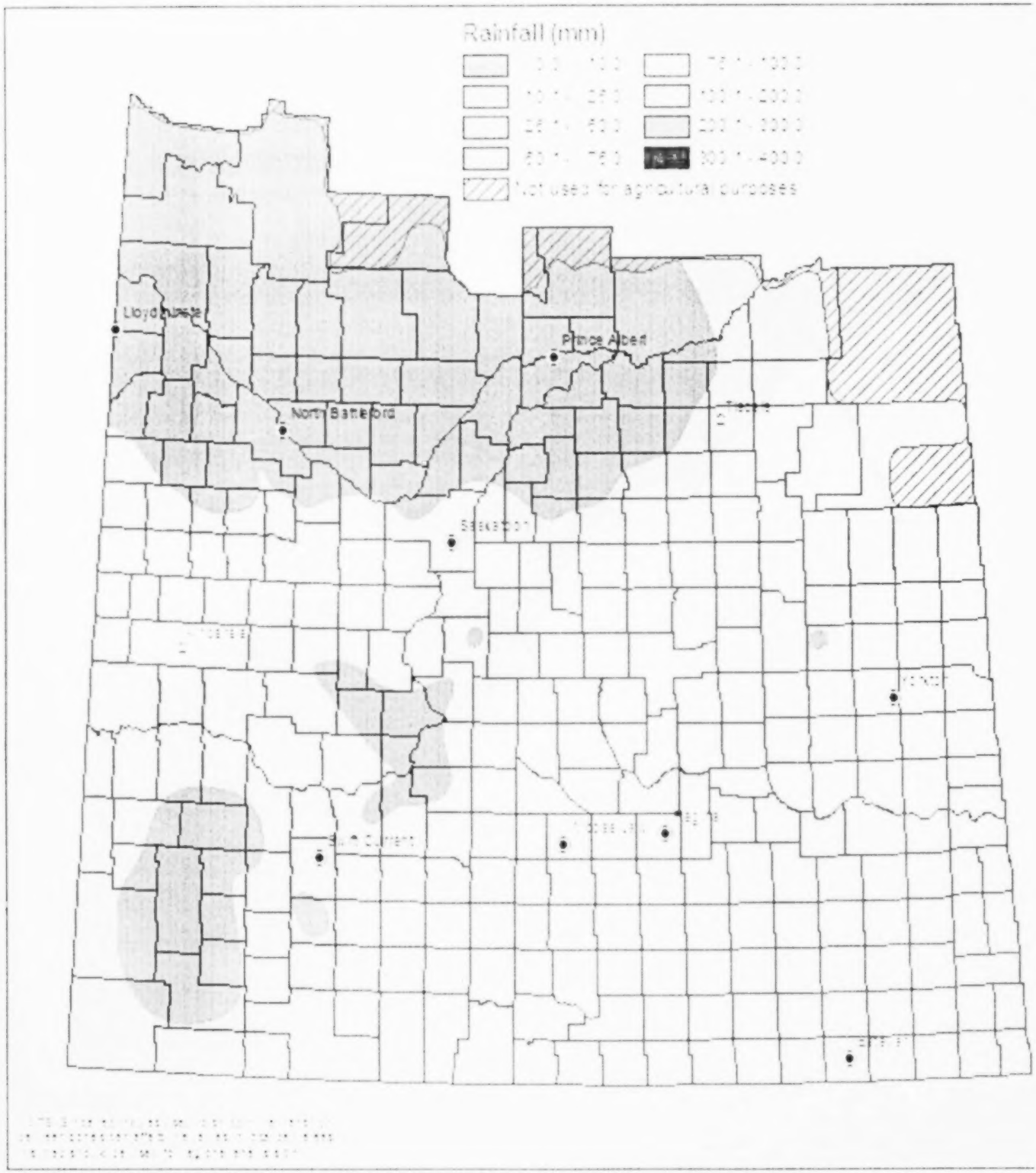

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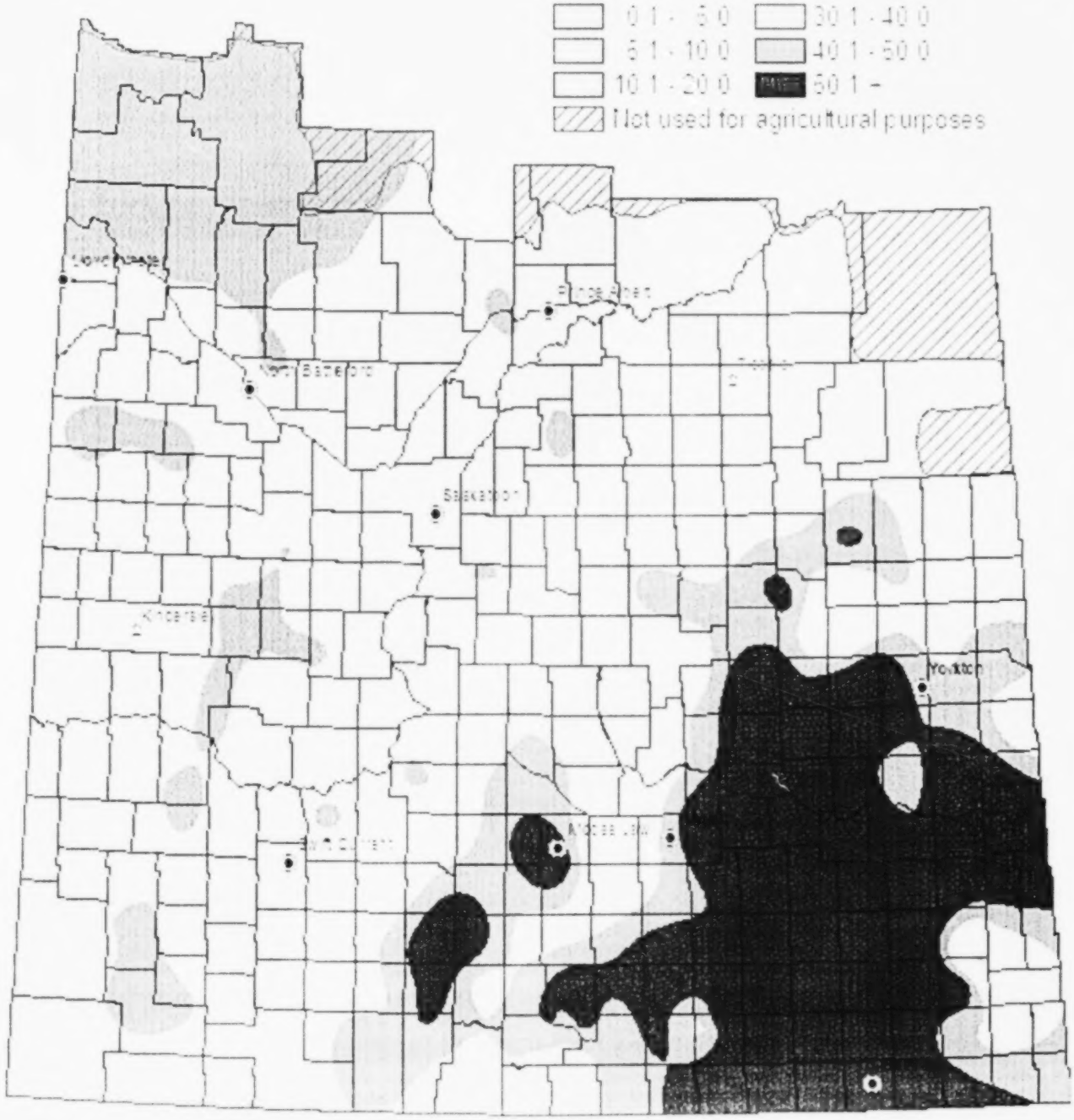

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Availability of Livestock Water

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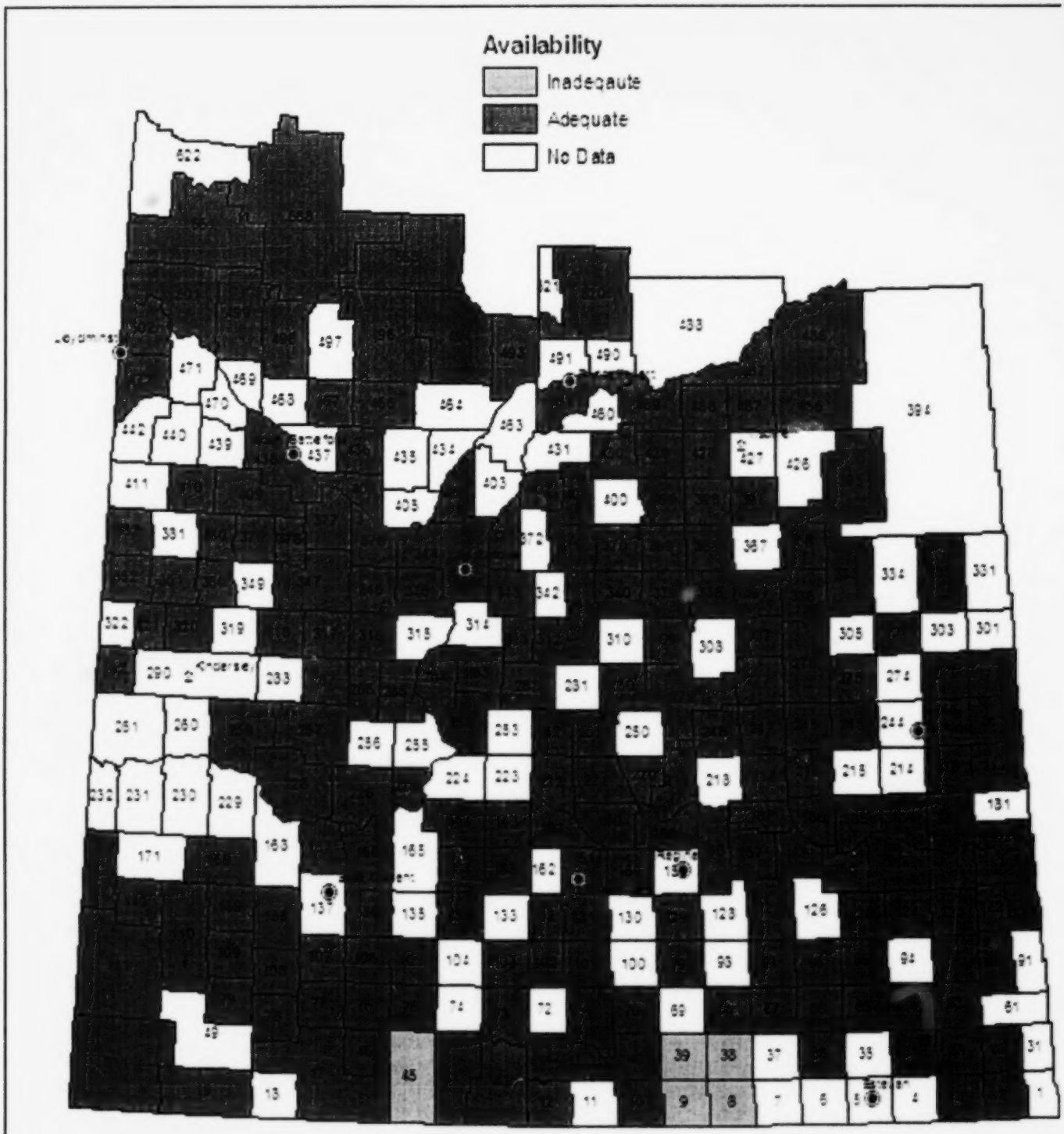

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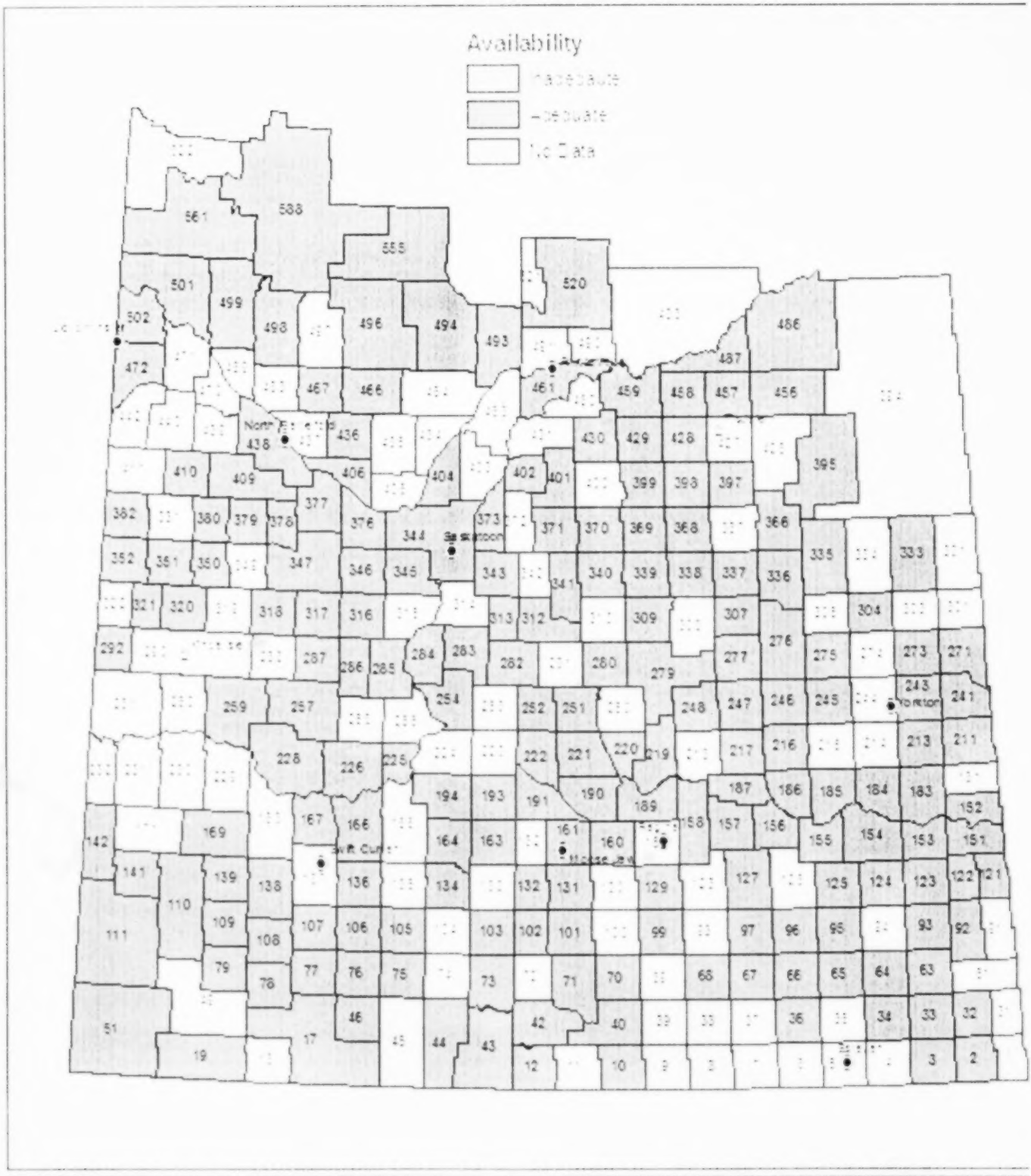

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